[Note.—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the member.]

II.—CALLING ATTENTION TO THE PLIGHT OF UNQUALIFIED TAMIL PANDITS IN AIDED ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

SRI V. SANKARAN : Sir, I wish to call the attention of the Hon. Chief Minister to a matter of urgent public importance, viz., the plight of hundreds of unqualified Tamil Pandits in the State who have suddenly been thrown out of employment from Aided Elementary Schools in pursuance of the orders of the Director of Public Instruction, Madras and the relief measures to be afforded in this regard.

*THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Teachers in Higher Elementary Schools are trained in the methods of teaching of all the subjects including the language subject in the curriculam. Therefore, it is not obligatory on the part of the managements of Higher Elementary Schools to employ Tamil Pandits for the teaching of the language, as the language subject can be taught by the class teacher himself. Prior to 1961–62, a qualified Pandit could be appointed in a Higher Elementary School having four or more sections in higher elementary standards in lieu of one of the secondary grade teachers. This provision was intended to enable the appointment of qualified Pandits by such of the managements as could secure the services of qualified Pandits. From 1961–62, Government permitted the appointment of a separate Tamil Pandit in addition to the number of teachers admissible as per rules in higher elementary schools having four or more sections in higher elementary standards, with a view to improving the quality of instructions in Tamil in elementary schools. This provision is purely permissive and it does not cast any obligation on the management to appoint a Tamil Pandit at any cost. It is therefore not necessary to fill up the post with untrained Pandits if and when qualified hands are not available. The very object of the scheme would be defeated if untrained Pandits are appointed. Availing themselves of the permission for appointment of separate Tamil Pandits, most of the managements of Higher Elementary schools which satisfied the conditions laid down by the Government appointed qualified Pandits. But it so happened that a few managements appointed untrained Pandits seeking exemption on their behalf. The appointed of such untrained Pandits, in circumstances, when qualified Pandits were not available, was, however, permitted by Government as a special case during the years 1961–62, 1962–63 and 1963–64. But during the current year 1964–65, it was felt that continuance of appointment of untrained Pandits should not be countenanced any more as the very purpose for which the scheme was introduced was being defeated and therefore such permission was not granted in the current year.

An untrained Pandit or any untrained teacher for that matter, can be appointed only temporarily with the permission of the District Educational Officer till qualified hands become available and as such, the question of appointing an untrained Pandit on a regular or permanent basis does not arise.

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No information is available as to whether the services of untrained Pandits with long service have been terminated or are being terminated. The Director of Public Instruction has already been requested to send a report in the matter, and necessary orders will be issued by Government after receipt of his report.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

(1) THE MADRAS GENERAL SALES TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1965 (L.A. BILL NO. 6 OF 1965.)

MR. SPEAKER : I have to announce to the House that the Governor has given his recommendation to the moving in the Madras Legislative Assembly of the following amendments to the Madras General Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1965 (L.A. Bill No. 6 of 1965) :—

(1) In the Enacting Formula, *for* the words 'Fifteenth Year', *substitute* the words 'Sixteenth Year'.

(2) In sub-clause (2) of clause 1, for items (*a*) and (*b*), *substitute* the following items, namely :—

"(*a*) Clauses (*a*) and (*g*) of section 2 shall be deemed to have come into force on the 23rd day of December 1964.

(*b*) Clauses (*b*), (*d*), (*e*) and (*f*) of section 2 shall come into force on the 1st day of April 1965."

(3) In clause 2—

(i) after sub-clause (*c*), *insert* the following sub-clause, namely :—

"(*d*) items 46 and 49 and the entries relating thereto shall be omitted;";

(ii) re-letter sub-clauses (*d*), (*e*) and (*f*) as sub-clauses (*e*), (*f*) and (*g*) respectively.

IV.—PRESENTATION OF REPORTS.

(1) REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES ON THE CASE OF SHOUTING OF SLOGANS BY CERTAIN MEMBERS IN THE CHAMBER".

SRI K. PARTHASARATHY : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I rise to present the Report of the Committee on the case of 'Shouting of slogans by certain Members in the Chamber'.

(2) INTERIM REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES ON THE "NAVAMANI" CASE.

SRI K. PARTHASARATHY : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I rise to present the interim Report of the Committee on the 'Navamani' case.

(3) INTERIM REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES ON THE "NATHIGAM" CASE.

SRI K. PARTHASARATHY : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I rise to present the interim Report of the Committee on the 'Nathigam' case.